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## CON ROACH MAKES HIS FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR GOVERNOR

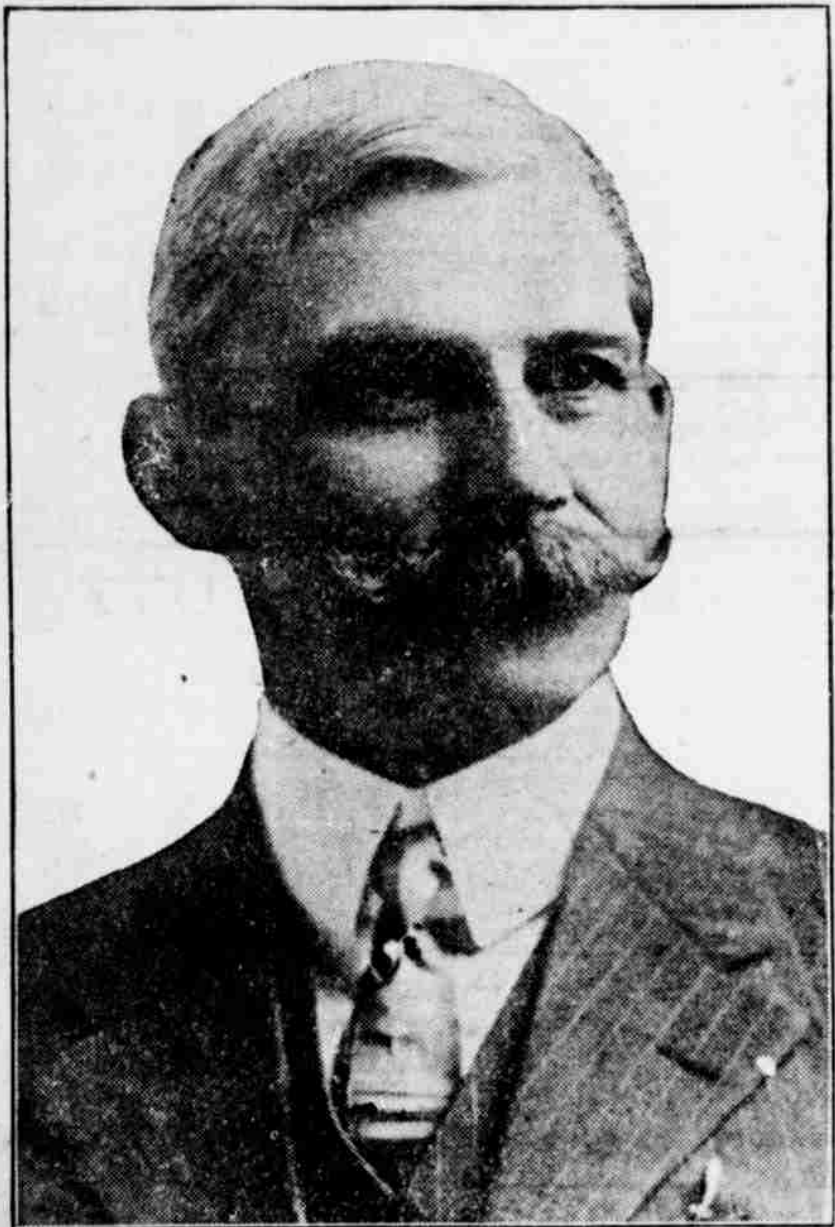
Gives Reasons Why Should Be Elected to the First Place in the State.

He is Neither the Champion of Any Class or Industry, But of All of the People.

Hon. Cornelius Roach, the present efficient secretary of state, has now openly avowed his candidacy for governor of the great state of Missouri, and in so doing has placed before the voters of the state the platform on which he stands—and it is good enough for any man to stand on.

In a formal statement issued from Jefferson City this week he tells the

when they reported that I had conducted the state department, during my first term, for \$71,000.00 less than my predecessor did his term, and made the office earnings \$220,000.00 greater; that during the first two years of my second term, I made the office earn as much as its largest earnings for any four years prior to my incumbency; and that they could



HON. CORNELIUS ROACH

whole story this way:

"To the Democrats of the State: I am a candidate for governor, subject to the will of the Democratic voters at the August primary. My candidacy is based on the conviction that the people want the man who has best prepared himself to render service.

"In a position second only to that of the governorship in importance, I have made a record, the honesty, efficiency and worthiness of which, after thorough investigation, even partisan opponents concede. All who have business with me know that I am always found 'on the job.' Election figures of 1908 and '12 testify to the extensive acquaintanceship between me and the voters, whose friendship on both occasions honored me with leading majorities.

### No Class or Industry

"I am not the champion of any class or industry. By the help of the people of all callings I expect to win. I have no fad to exploit, hobby to ride, or panacea to offer in an attempt to fool this or that element into yielding support; nor have I money to influence any in my favor. All I offer is a solemn pledge to render honest and efficient service. That promise to all alike I give in good faith, and point to what I have done as the best evidence of what I shall do.

"Democrats and Republicans composing the special investigating committee unanimously commended my business ability, efficiency and economy,

### "IT IS OUR TOWN"

Platte County Democrats Who Want the State Convention Held in St. Joseph

That St. Joseph is the logical point in which to hold the Democratic state convention goes without saying—and further the holding of the big state gathering here would be of great benefit to this city, therefore, it is all the more necessary that all efforts should be utilized in that direction. The people all over the territory adjacent are enthusiastic over the proposition and will give all required aid and support. Just as an instance it might be well to give the views of the Platte county friends of this city, who, while nearer to Kansas City than St. Joseph, are pulling earnestly for St. Joseph. In its last issue the Landmark of Platte City says:

St. Joseph wants the Democratic state convention and every man in Platte wants it to get it. Henry Dillingham, member of the Democratic state committee from Platte county, says:

"I am for St. Joseph for the convention. It is accessible, well provided with hotels, and has a fine auditorium, large enough to accommodate the state meeting."

Col. James H. Hull: "I am for St. Joseph. It's in our section of the state and is well fixed as a convention town."

Judge A. D. Burnes says "I am for St. Joseph and hope it will get the convention."

Hon. Guy Park says: "It is the place for state conventions and has some of the best and largest hotels in the country and a convention hall that will hold any number of people that may attend. Put me down for St. Joseph."

"It's the best town in the state for a state convention," says 'Am Wells, "and St. Joseph ought to get it. It is not too large nor yet too small a town and has all the necessary conveniences."

And these are the sentiments of every person we have seen, and Platte county will be for St. Joseph because it is our town.

### NOTHING TO IT

Harry Hawes' Mission to Induce Champ Clark to Run for Governor Was a Rank Failure

Despite the fact that Speaker Champ Clark stated while in St. Joseph last fall that under no circumstances would he run for governor of Missouri, and followed it up the other day by a letter couched in as strong language as he could make it, in which he reiterated his statement here, it did not prevent Harry Hawes of St. Louis from making a trip to Washington this week, seeking to have Missouri's famous son change his mind—but he did not succeed—and he will not.

A Washington dispatch says that Hawes left there Tuesday, after two days spent in conferences with Speaker Clark and Senator Stone. Hawes wanted the speaker to reconsider his announcement that he would not run for governor, but Hawes returned home with definite word from Speaker Clark that he would not consider the governorship—that he was needed in Washington.

The New York World carried a story Tuesday morning to the effect that Clark had rejected the overtures to run for governor because of the existence of a pact with Bryan against Wilson. Friends of the speaker say he is indignant at the story. The speaker refuses to discuss Bryan or Wilson "rumors," as he calls them.

### WAS A GAY AFFAIR

Bachelors' Club Dance Wednesday Evening Was Delightful Affair—Another to Be Given Jan. 26

The Bachelors' club sprung into prominence among the younger generation Wednesday evening when a large number of guests assembled and danced the merry hours away at the tastefully decorated Auditorium. This was to be a strictly "batch" affair, but on the floor, right among the ladies were to be found a number of married "sourdoughs"—accompanied by their wives! Every one present enjoyed themselves fully and with the announcement that the dances are to be held every Wednesday, pleasure has been expressed among those who will attend the future dances.

ST. JOSEPH PAPERS IN SONG  
A Fruit Grower stood at the window To Gazette the juvenile throng. When the Tribune, faithful to duty, Invited a Union of song.

The Eye, placed close to the window Saw a Courier with notes of good cheer; But would such News-Press the Observer Throughout this Happy New Year?

—The St. Joseph Eye.

### WHITSELL'S STATEMENT

He Will Not Be Able to Run for Mayor, but He Will Help Elect a Democrat

To My Personal Friends Who Have Asked Me to Make the Race for Mayor, to the Members of the Whitsell for Mayor Club, and the Democrats of St. Joseph:

I take this means and opportunity to answer the numerous requests made by my personal friends, and by the members of the Whitsell for Mayor club, that I become a candidate for mayor of St. Joseph at the coming election; also I address the Democrats, generally, from a viewpoint not partisan or personal to myself.

To those who prefer me as the standard bearer, I here make the assurance of my personal gratitude and of a careful consideration of the entire situation.

While I am highly grateful to those of you who have asked me to be the Democratic standard bearer of the



DR. JOHN C. WHITSELL

city, and would most cheerfully comply with your requests, I have taken the matter up with those learned in the law and am informed that my candidacy would not be legal. I have been practicing in the city since 1907, and have resided therein most of the time. But about four years ago I bought a rural home and resided upon it until last February. In February, 1915, I sold my country residence and moved back within the city and have continuously resided in the city since that time. Under the law, as my counsel has reported, my residence in the city must have been during three years next before the date of such election.

Although I am disqualified from making the race at this time, there are Democrats who are qualified, and from these we must select a candidate for mayor. At this time the outlook for Democratic success is most flattering. The candidate upon whom we unite will be the next mayor of St. Joseph.

Assuring you of my hearty co-operation with your efforts in the election of a live wire Democrat for mayor, and of my earnest belief in the success of the Democratic party, I remain,

Your fellow citizen,  
DR. JNO. C. WHITSELL.

### PRESIDENT TO COME

Is Invited to Visit St. Joseph On His Speech Making Tour of the Middle West

On behalf of the city of St. Joseph, Mayor Marshall has wired an invitation to President Wilson to be the guest of the city while on his mid-West speaking tour, and it goes without saying that should he come he will address the people of this section. Mayor Marshall's telegram follows:

The President, Washington, D. C., On behalf of all the people of the city of St. Joseph, I tender to you a most cordial invitation to include our city in your forthcoming trip. I assure you that as our chief magistrate, no city in the Union will give you a more cordial reception than we will, nor will any city strive to make your visit a more pleasant one, or take better care of our president than we will.

(Signed) ELLIOT MARSHALL, Mayor.

Messrs. Milton Tootle, L. T. Golding, R. T. Forbes and Jerry Wing, who were attending the National Security League convention, called at the White House and pressed the invitation for St. Joseph. While it is no certain that the invitation will be accepted, yet Washington dispatches indicate it will, as it is felt that in view of the fact that the tour as now arranged will bring the president to Des Moines, that it is possible to arrange to have him extend his trip on to St. Joseph, where he will be given a real old-fashioned Missouri welcome, reception and entertainment.

Percy Johnson, connected with the popular firm of Townsend, Wyatt & Wall Dry Goods company, left yesterday for a purchasing trip to New York and Mrs. Johnson will visit while he is gone, in Lawrence, Kansas.

## CHAS. I. OHRENSTEIN, C. S. B. ADDRESSES APPRECIATIVE AUDIENCE

He Handled His Subject in a Way That Made His Meaning Entirely Clear.

His Many Hearers Much Impressed With the Scope and Power of His Discourse.

"Mankind has long sought in many ways and by many means for peace," A. B. Pickell said in introducing Charles I. Ohrenstein, C. S. B., who on Sunday afternoon delivered a lecture on Christian Science at First Church of Christ, Scientist. "Even as late as the sixteenth century there was supposed to exist a fountain whose waters would preserve the innocence of perpetual youth. These words of Jesus of Nazareth, 'My peace I leave with you, and not as the world giveth, give I unto you,' find grateful response today in the hearts of thousands to whom Christian Science has brought health, happiness and some measure of 'the peace that passeth understanding.' In gratitude is this opportunity afforded to learn more of this healing truth, 'Ho, everyone that thirsteth! Come ye to the waters.' Drink freely and may they spring up within you as fountains of everlasting joy. I am glad to introduce Mr. Charles I. Ohrenstein, C. S. B., of Syracuse, N. Y., member of the board of lecturership of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass."

The speaker said:

In the discussion of any subject it is always desirable and helpful to start with some point of agreement. Notwithstanding all our diversified views and varied experiences, let us see if it is not possible for us to find some such point. One that very naturally presents itself, and upon which all would probably agree, will undoubtedly be found in the fact that we all desire to live. But even if we live, there is not much satisfaction in living without bodily comfort or health; for health is absolutely essential to peace, freedom, prosperity and happiness.

Were we to ask ourselves the question, "How may we live, be well, free, prosperous, happy?" there would be nothing new about it, for the question is as old as human questioning. Neither has there been any dearth of answers to this question. Mere theoretical answers are valueless, however, and this has been shown in the experience of the race by the fact that life still appears uncertain, and health, peace, freedom, prosperity, and happiness have been attained by comparatively few, and then only in limited degree. Consequently, the answer to our question would have to be in a system of education or understanding that would give health.

May we not, then, ask ourselves whether any practical system of education exists which teaches how we may live, be well, free, prosperous, and happy? More than this, since the subject we are to discuss is religion, may we not further ask whether the religion of the bible, and more particularly the religion of Jesus Christ, provides such a system and the correct interpretation of it, the education capable of accomplishing the desired result?

Bible Answers the Question  
The Christianity of Jesus Christ was the vision of the seers of Israel. It was their hope, their prayer, their ideal and aspiration for mankind. It was expected to usher in health, peace, and plenty, the reign of God and of the Messiah, and to protect against any other reign.

If we first turn to the old bible, the bible of the Hebrews, accepted by all Christians, we shall find plain, simple, and direct answers to the question under consideration. The first thing needed in a quest of any kind is an acquaintance with that which is sought. If the research is for life and its felicities, the first thing needful is to learn what life is. Now, have any of the sciences through all the research of the ages discovered what life is? Not one of them. This being the case, the generally accepted methods are seeking they know not what. Is such a quest likely to be successful? With all respect for the men who have been and are engaged in such research, and for their devoted efforts, is not this an example of the blind leading the blind, and will it not of necessity continue to fail in its purpose?

The bible, on the other hand, seeks upon this question definitely and with great authority. In Deuteronomy we read, "He (God) is thy life." Could anything be more de-

finite or concise; and since God is our life, must not the knowledge of life and all that it includes be the knowledge of God and of man's relationship to God? The importance of this knowledge is also shown by the statement, "Acquaint now thyself with him (God), and be at peace," and the bible is full of assurances that to know God and to be obedient to him means health, freedom, prosperity, happiness, and all that is desirable.

That the bible says these things, all will admit; that its teachings are true and binding, all religionists should admit. But the bible—and by this for the present we are content to mean the old testament—does not satisfy itself by making mere assertions. It substantiates its teachings by citing innumerable instances which prove them. Naaman's healing of leprosy; the providing for the Shunammite woman; the healing and restoration to life of her son; the preservation of the lives of the three young men in the fiery furnace, and of Daniel in the lion's den; the emancipation of the children of Israel from Egypt, their sustenance and healing throughout their sojourn in the wilderness; the bringing of them into the prosperity of the promised land; the proof that death is not inevitable, in the translation of Enoch and Elijah—these and other instances will recur to all.

### Spiritual Healing Reverent

But here our good friends of other denominations may exclaim, "God indeed did these things in the good old bible times, but to claim such things possible in our time is blasphemous. Others may content themselves with dismissing these things as mere legends or myths."

May it not be said that if it be blasphemous to expect God to do these good and needful things now, that it was always blasphemous? Again, if these things are mere myths or legends, is not the whole fabric of religious teaching mythical and legendary? Such assertions may furnish easy ways of brushing aside the central and tremendous facts of religious history. Before this is done, before the ancient bible worthies are set down as either blasphemous or untruthful, would it not be well to consider that possibly these ancient seers and prophets really had some glimpses of a knowledge of God unknown to modern thinkers, which enabled them to prove that God indeed "giveth to all life, and breath, and all things," and that he is in truth the only savior?

Glimpses of a knowledge of God. Wonderful as their works appear to us, glimpses are all these men claimed to have, for their prediction was that in the fullness of time one would appear who would reveal God fully; who would be the representative of God and fulfill all righteousness, save, redeem, and deliver—be Immanuel, "God be with us." In the fullness of time he came. Did he suit the mighty men, the scholars, scribes, so-called scientists and religious leaders of his time? Not at

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